

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-25 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 11 and 21 are amended. Support for the amended features may be found in the specification at pages 7 and 14. No new matter is added. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Won in the July 22 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

**I. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)**

The Office Action rejects claims 1-12 and 17-25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,987,513 to Prithviraj et al. (hereinafter "Prithviraj"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

As discussed during the interview, Prithviraj does not disclose "providing a runtime support to ensure that the data is atomically processed per event without being interrupted," as recited in claim 1, and as similarly recited in claims 11 and 21. Prithviraj does not teach a method for operating a web-based management system including such an operation.

The Office Action asserts that Prithviraj teaches a method for operating a web-based management system of a plurality of networked devices. Notwithstanding this assertion, Prithviraj is devoid of a runtime support to ensure that the data is atomically processed, as set forth in claim 1, and as similarly set forth in claims 11 and 21.

Prithviraj discloses a network management using browser-based technology in which "applet modules provided on a first machine can be dynamically transferred to a second machine, and executed on the second machine" (col. 11, lines 17-22). However, Prithviraj does not teach or suggest a runtime support to ensure that the data is atomically processed per

event without being interrupted, as recited in claim 1, and as similarly recited in claims 11 and 21.

Claims 1, 11 and 21 are not anticipated by Prithviraj. Claims 2-10 depend from claim 1, claims 12 and 17-20 depend from 11, and claims 22-25 depend from claim 21.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

**II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)**

The Office Action rejects claims 13-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Prithviraj in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,356,933 to Mitchell et al. (hereinafter "Mitchell"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claims 13-16 depend from claim 11. Regarding claims 13-16, Prithviraj does not disclose or suggest "providing a runtime support to ensure that the web-object state transitions are atomic so that they cannot be interrupted," as recited in claim 11. Mitchell does not cure the deficiencies of Prithviraj.

Instead, Mitchell discloses "the control container is created for each control object 624 that is tied to data" (col. 11, lines 38-39). Mitchell's control container exists per application independent client process 114 as shown in Fig. 4, but Mitchell does not disclose or suggest a runtime support to ensure Web-object state transitions are atomic, which runtime support is separately and commonly provided so that the Web-objects need not separately implement atomicity.

Claim 11 would not have been rendered obvious by Prithviraj in view of Mitchell. Thus, claims 13-16 would not have been rendered obvious by Prithviraj in view of Mitchell. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

**III. Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-25 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

  
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